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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECY SVENNEVIG THIS MORNING (MARCH 23) TO FOLLOW UP ON THE BARCELONA PORT CALL. I TOLD HIM I HAD TRANSMITTED NORWAY' S VIEWS TO MY GOVT, AS I HAD PROMISED FONMIN VAARVIK, AND THAT THE RESPONSE WAS, AS I HAD PREDICTED, A REASSERTION OF OUR STRONG INTEREST IN CARRYING OUT THE PROPOSED VISIT. EACH OF US REVIEWED OUR GOVT' S ARGUMENTS FOR OUR RESPECTIVE STANDS ON THIS ISSUE, AND I STRESSED THAT NORWAY WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY NOW HOLDING BACK ON THE SILENT CONSENT PROCEDURE.

2. SVENNEVIG SAID HIS GOVT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE OTHERS WILL SUPPORT THE NORWEGIAN POSITION IF THE MATTER IS DISCUSSED FORMALLY. I SAID HE MIGHT BE RIGHT, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE POINT; THE ISSUE RIGHT NOW IS THAT ALL THE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES ARE AGREED THAT THE BARCELONA VISIT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED FORMALLY, AND WE HOPE NORWAY WILL ACCEPT THE WISHES OF ALL THE OTHER NATO ALLIES IN THIS REGARD.

3. SVENNEVIG CONCLUDED OUR DISCUSSION-- WHICH REMAINED CORDIAL IN TONE THROUGHOUT-- BY REMARKING THAT WE HAD COME AS FAR AS WE COULD IN THE MATTER AND THAT HE COULD GIVE ME NO RPT NO NEW POSITION ON THE NORWEGIAN SIDE. CROWE

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